

## News of Horses and Horsemen

BY W. J. CARTER ("BROAD ROCK").  
The editor of the American Horse Breeder recently has written a very instructive article on "Own Brothers and Sisters," a subject that has been dealt with extensively for many years, and one which has caused many a breeder much disappointment in not being able to solve the question as to why so many own brothers and sisters of great horses have been themselves total failures. There have been among light harness horses many instances where brothers and sisters have divided the honors of the family, many more than can be cited among thoroughbreds. Very few instances can be found during the periods covering the development of the blood horse of more than one member of a family distinguishing himself—and by family, of course, is meant from the same sire and dam. Possibly the most striking instance of successful brothers is found in the sons of St. Simon and Perdita II.

From this union came Florizel II, himself a high-class race-horse and a great sire, Persimmon, a triple crown winner, which includes "the Guinness," the Derby and the St. Leger, and Diamond Jubilee, also a Derby winner. These three horses were extremely good individuals, the best having been Persimmon and he was greater than any of the family. After them came another brother, Sandringham, who is a wretched individual and was of so little account as a race-horse that he was sold by his royal master for a small sum, comparatively speaking. Had he been anything like his brothers in conformation, he would probably have been a successful performer and would never have found his way to this country, where with excellent opportunities he has done thus far little to bring him into prominence.

**Striking Example in King Thomas.**  
Possibly the most striking example of the lack of capacity in a brother to great horses was found in King Thomas, who was by King Ban, out of Miss Hampton, and consequently a brother to King Fox and Ben Fox, two smashing race-horses. On account of his relationship to these two horses King Thomas sold at public auction for something like forty thousand dollars, was trained in the stable of a man who had been a great success in his profession and the horse failed utterly in every respect. After many attempts he scored one victory in a selling race, and so absolutely worthless was he that his name became a by-word. King Thomas was a show horse but far from being as good an

individual as his two brothers, yet the reason for his failure to live up to the reputation of his family was one of those mysterious things that a breeder must ponder over and never solve the problem.

**Among Thoroughbreds in America.**  
Among thoroughbreds in this country an instance of own brothers to great race-horses not coming up to expectations, were the sons of Hindoo and Bourbon Belle. Hanover was a mighty race-horse, a superb individual, and he bred on with great success after having been retired to the stud, yet his own brothers were valueless, were not even good selling placers, and have never been heard from after having been put to breeding. Alycane and Alcantara are possibly the most striking instances among harness horses and the greater of the two. Alycane was decidedly the best individual, although Alcantara was possibly the greater trotter of the two. Just what is the reason for the failure and success of own brothers and sisters is unknown and it is a question that may never be solved, but probably if the time ever comes when a family is founded in which for ten generations there is not an inferior animal a great number of successes will come from among own brothers and sisters that is now the case, for in breeding back to some remote ancestor, the possibility of inheriting weaknesses or defects will be more remote than now.

**Trotters in Training at Radford.**  
At Radford, Va., which is also on the line of the Norfolk and Western Railway, and not a great distance from Falls Mill, L. L. Vaughan, president of the District Fair Association, of Radford, has a stable of twenty or more trotters and pacers. Homer J. Jamison, who trained and drove for Mr. Vaughan in 1907 and 1908, has charge of the horses. Mr. Vaughan's horses are raced under the name of the Virginia Breeders' Association, and the stable will be taken down the line of the Virginia, Carolina and Georgia circuit this fall, as during previous seasons, while some of the horses will be started at the earlier meetings in the East. One of the best horses in Jamison's stable is the pacer Alto Clark, 2:14 1-4, by Alto Leyburn. This horse forced Ethel Woodford, 2:12 1-4, to race heats right around 2:11 1-2 over the half-mile track at Lynchburg and Roanoke, Va., to beat him last fall, while over the mile track at Richmond the breezy looking gelding was second to Dillon Green in 2:11 1-4 at Richmond.

In addition to Alto Clark, there are



easter things are in full bloom here now—spring freshness everywhere.

you'll certainly want to look your best on easter sunday.

everybody will be out, you know, and everybody will at once "size up" your outfitting.

how about one of our handsome new suits or spring overcoats in all their swiftness \$15.00 to \$35.00.

a new easter hat, of course, \$1.50 to \$5.00, and every man will appear in a new tie, 25c to \$1.00, agents rogers-peet clothing, stetson hats.

**kirk-parrish co.**  
412 east broad street.

a few others with records in Jamison's stable, while he thinks that trotters and pacers that he thinks will be good enough to win in the slow classes. Mr. Vaughan has a fine farm of several hundred acres at Shawsville, Va., where he has a choice band of broodmares and several well-bred and promising young stallions, with a likely bunch of yearlings and two-year-olds, too.

**Some Fast Ones at Roanoke.**  
While the scene at both Falls Mill and Radford promises to be quite a busy one this season, there will also be plenty of life and activity at the Roanoke Fair Grounds, at Roanoke, Va., which is also on the Norfolk and Western Railway, and not a great distance from Radford. Among the trainers at Roanoke are Ben Wright, who has David Ross, 2:17 1-4, the son of Adell, and some ten or twelve grand trotters and pacers. There are also some well-bred youngsters in Wright's hands, and on the whole this trainer looks for quite a good season. Farmer Bunch, who came on from California last spring, has wintered at Roanoke, and the tall Californian is well pleased with Southwest Virginia. Bunch has his two McKinneys—Zella Mack, 2:22 1-4, and Alto McKinney, 2:23 1-4—both in fine shape; also three or four others that are doing well. Horace Marsh has quarters near those of Bunch, and his fastest horse is Pandemonium, by Norwood, son of Nutwood. Marsh has some promising young things, too, by well-known sires of speed. A. Griffith, who formerly handled David Ross, is also quartered at the Roanoke track, and his stable will include Dr. Madara, 2:08, the former pupil of Scott Hudson, and seemingly rejuvenated; Prince M., 2:23 1-4, by Sidney Prince; Red Top, 2:24 1-4, by Red Chute. Dr. Madara came to life seemingly last fall along the line of the Virginia-Carolina circuit, as the son of Simmons showed some of his old-time speed and was a couple of free-for-alls, while he was placed in others. The chestnut gelding does not wear the straps, but still bangs his knees just about as hard as of yore. State Fair Grounds Track, Will Furman, Buys Sacks.

The mile track at Richmond, Va., will furnish a pretty active scene in the training line this spring, as quarters have already been engaged by Samuel Earling, William L. Bass, C. A. Bussey, Dunbar, Livestock, W. G. Bryan, and others of the local contingent, while W. R. Steel, with George H., 2:16 3-4; T. L. Stackhouse, of Marion, E. C., who has Lucius Todd, 2:14 1-4, and Ray Egwood, 2:25; Thomas Corbett, and others, are expected here soon. The early closing purses of \$1,000 each, to be offered by the Virginia State Fair this fall, promise to attract a goodly entry list, both locally and abroad.

## WARRENTON RACES POINT TO POINT

Many Entries Have Been Made, and Great Crowd Is Expected.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WARRENTON, VA., March 27.—The Warrenton Hunt Club races "point to point"—to be run April 3, will be over the same course as in former years, being over a section of Clifton Farm, owned by Major R. P. Barry. Already a number of entries have been made, and great interest is being manifested in the sport. There are four races, as follows:  
First—The Warrenton Hunt Club steeplechase, to members of Warrenton Hunt Club. Sweepstake, \$5, and a silver cup, donated by John W. W. and W. T. Wilbur, of Philadelphia. The race will have many entries from the Hunt Club, and will be ridden in colors.  
Second—Open hunter steeplechase; open to members of any recognized hunt. Sweepstake, \$5, and a cup presented by the ladies of the town of Warrenton.  
Third—Steeplechase for half-bred hunters; open to Warrenton Hunt only. Sweepstake, \$5, and a silver cup, presented by a Baltimore firm.  
Fourth—Farmers' race; open to farmers over whose land the Warrenton Hunt has ridden. Purse, \$25, divided into two moneys.  
The prospective entries are as follows: Mrs. Julian Keith, Dr. Hillisworth, J. K. Waddux's Anna Bruce, Miss Lucy Stone's Kantankorous; J. P. Stone's Jim Crane; J. D. Hall's Miss Manning; Harry Fagles' Anna; C. H. Smith's Ogunquath; W. R. Wilbur's Nancy Lee; W. P. Jennings's Valiant; C. H. Smith's Up-to-Date; C. P. Wylie's Judge; P. E. Thysen's Inky Dinky; two entries from Rich Wallace's stable; two from Middleburg, and one from Mass.

## JOHNSON HAS NO LACK OF CHANCES

Black Can Defend Title Whenever He Wishes to Enter Ring.

(BY JEFF THOMPSON.)  
NEW YORK, March 27.—Ketchel will, if Jeffries won't, so it looks as though Jack Johnson will have a chance to defend his title as soon as he wants to.  
I am somewhat doubtful of the wisdom of Ketchel in going against Johnson at this time. He is a little bit light for the job, but it is recalled that he is no lighter than Fitzsimmons was when he took the title from Jim Corbett, and is pretty nearly, if not quite, as heavy as Sharkey was when he went the long route with Jeffries.  
The cowboy impresses me as a fighting man. He is a clean-cut young athlete, clear eyed, quick as a cat and with a pair of shoulders with power in them. That he can stand punishment and give it he has demonstrated, and it may be he can turn the trick.  
Johnson has never impressed me as a great fighter. I am inclined to believe if Ketchel or any other big, strong, hard-punching fighter can get to the negro and punish him he will curl up. At long range his height and reach will give him a fatal advantage over Ketchel, but if the cowboy can get close to him and hammer him good and plenty I believe he can win.

In the meantime Jeffries is in reserve. The big fellow is getting into shape, and if the match with Ketchel falls through, or Ketchel is whipped, I believe Jeffries will get in the game again. Sam Berger, Jeffries' sparring partner, said the other day: "Jeffries is going to fight Johnson and he's going to lick him sure. Why, Jim will have him licked before they even enter the ring. All Johnson will need is one look at the man he has called a 'dead one' to make him skip the ropes in record fashion."  
Johnson has a yellow streak as big as the moon. Why, he has not even licked some of the good heavyweights fighting today, and he would have just about as much chance against Jeff as a baby would. When Jeffries fights him he'll be accused of picking lemons.  
Of course, I am not in a position to say when the fight will come off. Certainly it won't be until we have finished our vaudeville engagement, but my personal opinion is that a short time after that they will meet in the center of the ring, and Johnson will be lying on his back taking the count. I have worked with Jeff and I know just about what he can do. He is the greatest heavyweight that ever lived. He's going to get back into shape and he's going to lick this fellow Johnson as sure as my name's Sam Berger."

Tommy Ryan, who knows Jeffries well and who is a prime judge of a fighter, says: "Jeffries has a good chance to whip Johnson providing he is in condition. If Jeff had been in training for the last year, as Johnson has, I would place my money on him without waiting to see how the deposed champion fought. Jeff has got the nerve and the punch and he knows how to use both. Jeff isn't too old to fight, but he has been out of the game a while. Of course, I don't know what condition his health is in; he ought to know that best, but if this bout is a so-and-so newspaper dope, I wouldn't be afraid to take a little of the Johnson money. This man Johnson has a peculiar style of fighting. He's something like a cat. He'll come in and he'll follow that like to hit his man and then get away. No close fighting for him if he can help it. That's why I say Jeff has got to be in good condition to stand a chance against the negro."

Hugh Macintosh, the Australian promoter, does not seem greatly impressed with the prospects of a bout between the colored champion and the Californian. Macintosh declared that, in his opinion, it was absolute fear of defeat that caused Jeffries to hesitate in entering the ring, and he suggested that Johnson be sent to the United States to remain in this country until he receives a decisive answer from Jeffries.

Boyo Driscoll, who is working up in Westchester, will soon be ready to enter the ring again. Driscoll must wait about two weeks until his nose can stand a punch or two.

Jack Fury, the Bostonian, who won a decision over Eddie Walsh, is in New York. Fury will get a tryout at the Fairmount A. C. in about two weeks.

Abe Attell has put the championship hopes of another youngster to sleep. He showed Patsy Kline, of Newark, just how he ought to fight if he expected to achieve championship class.  
The clever little Western boxer fairly smothered the Eastern boy with blows, and time and after time stung him hard with uppercuts and lowercuts, and about had his opponent against the ropes almost helplessly, but still not knocked out.

## BEAUTIFUL HOME OF COUNTRY CLUB

Before the summer shall have come and gone, or at least before the fronts of autumn shall have nipped the buds and the flowers, it is likely that the Country Club of Virginia will be rejoicing in the possession of the handsomest grounds and the most splendid clubhouse to be found anywhere in the South.

The officers of the club have recently purchased 104 acres of land from the Virginia Passenger and Power Company, for which they paid \$175 per acre. This land was known as the Armistead track, and is situated near Westhampton, immediately on the car line, at the forks of the Three Chop and Cary Street Roads. The club has also bought several hundred acres just across the Cary Street or River Road, for which it paid \$100 per acre, thus making its track 178 acres of as beautifully located land as can be found anywhere.

The house site, which is four and one-half miles from the custom house, is about 200 feet above the river, and overlooks the James and its beautiful valley for a distance of from ten to fifteen miles. Plans for the building have been accepted by the board of directors.

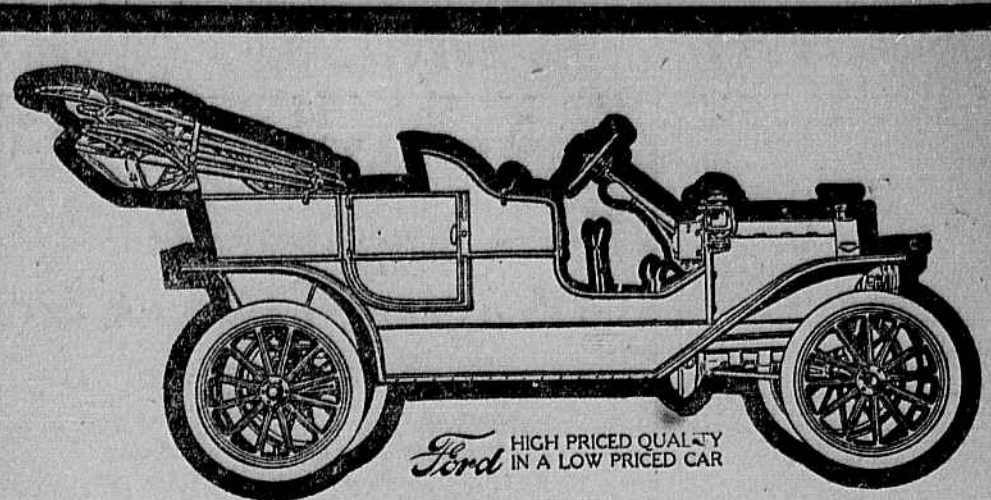
**U. S. Springfield Rifles.**  
\$1.75 each

Complete With Bayonets.  
Cartridges for the above Rifles, 50c box.  
THIS WEEK ONLY.

Largest stock of Baseball goods in the South. Complete Baseball Uniforms, \$2.25.

Have you seen Kent's Celebrated Tennis Rackets? Best balance rackets made.

**Harris, Flippen & Co.**  
1219 East Main Street.



## Why the \$850 Ford is Superior to Other Cars

Horse power is no indication of performance except as related to the load it carries. A mule hauling a light delivery is stronger than a dozen teams trying to pull a freight train. Just so a 30 h. p. engine in a 2,500-lb. car has less actual power than a 20 h. p. in the Model "T" Ford. There is more horse power in proportion to weight in the Model "T" Ford than in any 30 h. p. car on the market, an average of one horse power for every 53 1-3 lbs. of weight. Other cars average 75 to 110 lbs. per horse power.

Tires are relatively large only as one considers the load they must carry. Put a ten-inch pneumatic tire on a steam roller and it would be small. It's the same with an automobile. 2,000 and 3,000-pound cars with 3 1-2 and 4-inch tires are actually less effectively tired than the Model "T." With 2.33 cubic inches of tire for every pound of car weight, the Model "T" has the largest tires of any car manufactured. Other cars average but 1.35 to 1.98 cubic inches of tire per pound of weight.

Weight is not a comparative term for determining strength except when the articles compared are of identical materials. Oak is stronger than pine; Vanadium Steel is tougher than nickel steel; and the 1,200-pound Vanadium Steel Ford Car is actually superior to its 3,000-pound rival entirely because of the superiority of the materials used. Because of its much greater tensile strength, Inventor Davis used Vanadium steel in the construction of his new government torpedo, and thereby reduced its weight from 1,000 lbs. to 40 lbs.

Light weight isn't guess work. It's the result of brains. Every pound of weight that Henry Ford has subtracted from hitherto accepted weight standards has been the result of years of study and research. Comparing the Ford Model "T" with other cars is like comparing the present day 25-lb. bicycle with the 65-lb. "safety" of years ago. The use of Vanadium Steel throughout, even to lamp brackets and fender irons, does the same for the Ford that Shabby steel tubing and piano wire spokes did for the bicycle—increases strength and reduces weight.

The Ford owner gets the benefit. Every unnecessary pound off the weight of the car cuts down the gasoline bill, cuts down the tire bill, cuts down the repair bill. That's why the Ford will travel more miles for less money than any other touring car ever built. 22 to 25 miles per gallon of gasoline, 10,000 miles and more on a set of tires—and the renewals then at a less price—less monthly maintenance. In no other car can you match this.

The easiest riding car ever manufactured—there isn't a car built that will equal it's regular every-day performance. Get a comparative demonstration over the roughest "trail" you know of—you've got a surprise coming.

The operation of the Model "T" is the simplest ever devised. The new Ford control and epicycle transmission do away entirely with the gear changing nuisance. The car may be run forward and backward, on slow speed and high speed, up hill and down, through snow, mud, sand or clay, without ever having to remove either hand from the steering wheel. Any lady or child with sense enough to drive a horse can run a Ford.

The extreme turning radius of the Ford epicycle steering gear enables the Model "T" to be turned completely around in a smaller space than is possible with any other touring car built. On narrow country roads or in crowded city streets no car can be handled as easily and as readily as the Model "T."

Other cars have magnetos—that is, some of them have—but they are all complicated ignition systems of many parts and much wiring. They all require frequent adjustment and regular cleaning. Additional batteries must always be carried to start the motor before the magneto can be used. The Ford low-tension magneto generator requires absolutely no batteries of any kind, as a one-quarter turn of the crank will generate sufficient current to start the motor. The current is not the result of friction, and consequently there is no wear. It has no moving wires, contact points, brushes or gears. In fact, every feature which gave trouble on the hitherto accepted type of magneto has been eliminated.

For Southern roads the Model "T" is made with 60-inch tread, when so specified, instead of the regular 56-inch tread. When so equipped the Model "T" will practically guide itself on sandy and rutty roads over which other cars with the regular 56-inch tread would find it "tough going."

If you purchase another make of car before seeing this Model "T" you'll probably regret it later, and you will have no one to blame but yourself. If you get a demonstration from your nearest Ford dealer you'll have nothing to regret.

**VIRGINIA AUTOMOBILE CO.** 221-223 W. Broad St. . . . Richmond  
**NORFOLK MOTOR CAR CO.** 245 Main Street . . . Norfolk  
**SHACKELFORD AUTO CO.** 234-236 25th Street . . . Newport News  
**J. W. WAYNICK, SR.** 105-107 Franklin Road . . . Roanoke  
**A. E. HARNSBERGER** . . . . . Central Garage . . . . . Staunton  
**CATLIN & GRAY** . . . . . 416 Main Street . . . . . Danville  
**H. H. HUNT** . . . . . Farmville  
**A. F. FRANKLIN** . . . . . South Boston

N. B.—To Dealers: Our dealers tell us they can easily sell five Fords while trying to force one car of another make on an unwilling customer. If the Ford is not represented in your vicinity we would like to hear from you. Address Ford Auto Company, Academy of Music Bldg., Baltimore, Md. (Sales Agent for Virginia and Maryland).

directors, and architects are now working on the specifications. It is hoped to have all the plans and specifications ready for the inspection of contractors in time to have bids submitted for the erection of the clubhouse early in April. The building is to be a magnificent one, and will cost from \$10,000 to \$15,000, exclusive of the furnishings.

Work on the grounds has been progressing satisfactorily all the winter, and the same are now in splendid condition. The golf links will be put in grass seed as soon as the spring weather becomes inviting.  
The Country Club has been regularly chartered by the State Corporation Commission. The capital stock has been placed at \$50,000. Of this amount \$41,000 has been subscribed, and three instalments of 25 per cent. each have been paid in.  
The officers of the club are: John A. Coke, Jr., president; C. L. Kirk, vice-president; John B. Orgain, secretary and treasurer, and the following compose the board of directors:  
John A. Coke, Jr., C. L. Kirk, Charles E. Horne, W. M. Hablston, C. R. Bennett, John B. Young, H. W. Anderson, James Mullen, E. T. Harrison, W. P. Wood, A. P. Wilmer, R. H. Harwood, John G. Walker, and John B. Orgain.  
About 700 members are now on the rolls.

## Ex-Champion and Mrs. James J. Jeffries



Fancy calling Jim Jeffries "a baby"! And yet it is in that phrase that his tiny little wife instantly refers to him, and the amusing part of it is that the undefeated heavyweight champion of the world, the conqueror of Fitzsimmons, Corbett, Eubank, Sharkey and Jackson, seems to enjoy it. Jeff, the giant, who commands unbounded strength, with terrific hitting ability and marvelous agility, thus whole being crowned by coolness and resolute courage, is no awesome figure to the little woman with the German accent who bears his name. Mrs. Jeffries is very domestic. In their place out in Iowa, where she has two male heirs, she is loved to wait on Jim. She darns his socks, sews on his buttons and does his cooking.

**During the Revolutionary War**  
when Lafayette presented himself to Washington for a commission in our Army, Washington in his usual dignified manner asked "WHAT CAN YOU DO?" to which Lafayette made the laconic reply "TRY ME."  
In quoting you the following high class SPECIALTIES we ask that  
**"YOU TRY THEM"**  
**THEY WILL MAKE GOOD**

(Full Quarts)	4qts.	8qts.	12qts.
Kelly's Maryland Belle (Choicest Rye) . . .	\$5.00	\$8.50	\$12.25
Old Private Stock Maryland Rye . . .	4.50	8.50	12.50
Miss Tamping (very fine Eastern Rye) . . .	4.50	8.50	12.50
Huron River (bottled in Bond) . . .	3.95	7.65	11.25
Old Diverton (Pennsylvania Rye) . . .	3.90	7.50	10.00
Extra Fine Old Kentucky Rye . . .	3.50	6.75	9.75
Kelly's Copper Distilled 5's (bottled in Bond)	3.20	6.30	9.40
Kelly's Barley Malt (bottled in Bond) . . .	3.85	7.25	10.35
Donald Kenny (Medicinal) Malt . . .	3.25	6.25	9.00
Westover (best the world over for money)	3.10	5.95	9.00
(Succulent flask fine goods with every order)			
Old Kentucky Bourbon . . .	3.00	5.75	8.70
Dr. Le Baron's Medicinal Buchu Gin . . .	3.40	6.55	10.00
Kelly's Royal Corn (The Finest) . . .	3.85	7.45	11.25
Virginia Queen Corn (over 100 proof) . . .	3.20	6.15	9.10
El Matze Corn (best for the money) . . .	2.60	4.95	7.50
Bally Castle Irish (our own Importation)	4.40	8.75	12.90
Cairn Du Scotch (our own Importation) . .	4.40	8.75	12.90
California Grape Brandy (American Cognac)	5.00	9.75	14.00
Kelly's Choice Md. Peach Brandy . . .	4.00	7.65	11.25
Kelly's Virginia Apple Jack . . .	4.00	7.65	11.25

You may buy higher priced goods but you will not get better Kelly's quality. Our customers know that we handle all orders without ANY DELAY. Place your next order with us.

The above are only a few SPECIALTIES. Write for complete price list and full information covering all grades of stock, bulk and bottled at corresponding prices. Special prices made on combination cases, quarts, pints, and half pints, and on bulk goods in 3 and 4-7-8 gallon quantities. Goods are simply as good as can be made. TRY THEM and if not entirely satisfactory return to us at our expense and your money goes back to you by first mail. Can any offer be fairer than this?

**Phil. G. Kelly Co.**  
Importers, Distillers and Distributors of FINE LIQUORS  
1411-13 East Main St. RICHMOND, VA.

